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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

Certificate of disinfection of rags.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, D. C., April 16, 1901.

To the consular officers of the United States :

Referring to the Department's circular of March 12, 1900, in regard to certificates of disinfection of rags, you are instructed, when issuing these certificates at inland consulates, to attach the original copy to the copy of the invoice intended for the consignee and hand the duplicate to the shipper, with instructions to present it to the consul at the seaport at which the rags are to be placed on board the vessel. This copy of the certificate is to be used by the consul at the seaport as evidence upon which to issue a bill of health and is required to be attached to the bill of health issued to the vessel. The importance of presenting the copy of the certificate to the consul at the seaport can be readily understood, in view of the fact that, in the absence of proof of the disinfection of the rags at the inland consulate, the consul at the seaport may require them to be disinfected again and may withhold a bill of health until the regulations shall have been complied with.

Consuls will also keep upon the files of the office a copy of each certificate of disinfection issued.

The form to be used for certificates of disinfection is Form No. 189, entitled "Certificate of Disinfection of Merchandise."

THOS. W. CRIDLER, *Third Assistant Secretary.*

Imposition of restrictions upon nonimmune travel from Cuba.

[Department Circular No. 53.]

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D. C., May 6, 1901.

To quarantine officers and collectors of customs of the United States :

Owing to the reappearance of yellow fever in Cuba, the provisions of Department Circular No. 48, dated April 29, 1901, postponing certain restrictions upon nonimmune travel from Cuba until May 15, 1901, are hereby revoked, and the restrictions upon such travel prescribed by the United States Quarantine Regulations are in force from and after this date.

L. J. GAGE, *Secretary.*